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SUBJ: UNGA SOVIET INITIATIVE ON VIENNA CONVENTION ON
DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS

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1. AMBASSADOR BENNETT APPROACHED KOLESNIK OF SOVDEL TO INQUIRE AS TO REASONING BEHIND SOVIET INITIATIVE ON VIENNA CONVENTION. BENNETT POINTED OUT THAT SUDDEN INTRODUCTION OF THIS ITEM TAGGED URGENT BY THE SOVIETS AT THIS STAGE OF THE GA HAD US WONDERING WHAT WAS BEHIND IT. WE WOULD HAVE TO DECIDE ON A POSITION BEFORE THE FORTHCOMING GENERAL COMMITTEE DISCUSSION OF THE ITEM AND THEREFORE WOULD APPRECIATE AN EXPLANATION.

2. KOLESNIKI REPLIED THAT THIS ITEM HAD BEEN UNDER CONSIDERATION IN FOREIGN MINISTRY IN MOSCOW FOR SOMETIME AND THERE HAD BEEN CONTINUING DISCUSSION AS TO WHETHER IT SHOULD BE INTRODUCED AT THIS GA OR AT NEXT YEAR'S SESSION. HE BELIEVED THAT RECENT AGREEMENT IN SIXTH COMMITTEE ON ALL STATES FORMULA FOR INVITATION TO UN CONFERENCE ON REPRESENTATION OF STATES TO INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS HAD LED SOVIET GOVERNMENT TO CONCLUDE NOW WAS PROPITIOUS TIME TO OFFER

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VIENNA CONVENTION ON DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. HE COMMENTED THAT MORE THAN 100 STATES HAVE ADHERED TO VIENNA CONVENTION BUT THAT COUNTRY REPRESENTING "ONE-THIRD OF WORLD'S POPULATION" HAS NOT DONE SO. HE SAID THAT, AS WE KNEW, SOVIETS HAVE HAD TROUBLE WITH THEIR EMBASSY "IN THE EAST," AND MADE IT CLEAR THAT ITEM WAS AIMED AT CHINESE. KOLESNIKI SAID HE WAS GLAD TO CONFIRM EARLIER STATEMENTS THAT ITEM WAS NOT REPEATED NOT INTRODUCED WITH HOST COUNTRY IN MIND. WHILE SOVIET MISSION, OF COURSE, HAD DIFFICULTIES IN NEW YORK AS WE WERE ALL AWARE, THESE WERE IN THE OVERALL CONTEXT MERELY "DETAILS," AND SOVIETS HAD NO THOUGHT OF PLAYING ON THEIR NEW YORK PROBLEMS IN CONNECTION WITH THIS PROPOSED AGENDA ITEM. KOLESNIK REITERATED AT CLOSE OF CONVERSATION THAT NEW SOVIET ITEM WAS NOT AIMED AT HOST COUNTRY TO UN. BENNETT

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